

# AGENDA

MEETING OF THE  
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017 - 12:00 NOON  
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS – KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM  
301 W. RAILROAD STREET, WESLACO, TEXAS

PRESIDING: MAYOR AMBROSIO “AMOS” HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call ..... President
    - A. Invocation
    - B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consider Approval of May 31, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes ..... President

**ACTION ITEM**

3. Administration ..... President
  - A. Report(s) from Legislative Delegation
  - B. Public Comment
  - C. Presentation RE: Update on RGV Energy Efficiency Program Update ..... Hayley Cunningham  
Program Manager
  - D. Consider Approval RE: Resolution of Support for TGS Energy Efficiency Program ..... Hayley Cunningham  
Program Manager

**ACTION ITEM**

- E. Presentation on Texas Gas Service 2017 Rate Case ..... Naomi Perales, Community Relations Manager  
Stacey Borgstadt, One Gas Rates Manager

F. Act upon Recommendations from Nominating Committee ..... Mayor Tony Martinez  
Committee Chair

1. Selection of Five (5) Persons for Election as Members-at-Large to the General Membership

**ACTION ITEM**

2. Selection of Three (3) Members -at-Large to be Elected to the 2017-2018 Board of Directors

**ACTION ITEM**

G. Executive Director Report ..... Ron Garza  
Executive Director

**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

1. LRGVDC Updates & Activities
  - a. LRGVDC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
  - b. RGV to DC Trip Recap
  - c. Consider Approval RE: Letter of Support for RGV First Campaign
  - d. Consider Approval RE: Rio South Texas Economic Council (RSTEC) Quarterly Updates
  - e. Road to Recycling Regional Tire Project Update

4. Report from 9-1-1 Department ..... Sergio Castro  
Director

A. Program Status Reports

1. Location Validation Program
2. Database Program
3. Mapping Program
4. System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Program
5. Public Education/Training Program

5. Report from Area Agency on Aging ..... Jose L. Gonzalez  
Director

A. Act upon Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) Advisory Council Recommendations

1. Consider Approval to Extend Current Sub-recipient Contracts until September 30, 2019

**ACTION ITEM**

2. Consider Approval to Extend Current Contractor (Vendor) Contracts until September 30, 2019

**ACTION ITEM**

B. Program Status Report

1. Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriations

6. Report from Economic Development Department .....Terrie G. Salinas  
Director

A. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

1. Consider Approval for Matching Funds RE: Economic Adjustment Project Application

**ACTION ITEM**

7. Report from Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO).....Andrew Canon  
Director

8. Report from Homeland Security ..... Manuel Cruz  
Director

A. Act upon Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendation

1. Consider Approval of FY 2015 and FY 2016 Resolutions for Homeland Security Grant Program  
Reallocation of Uncommitted Funding from Texas Task Force 1 Type III Rio Grande Valley

**ACTION ITEM**

2. Program Status Reports

- a. Homeland Security Programs
- b. Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Preparedness
- c. FY2015 Homeland Security Grant Program
- d. FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program
- e. FY2017 Homeland Security Grant Program

B. Criminal Justice Program

1. Status Report

- a. Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Planning
- b. Computerized Criminal History (CCH) Compliance

9. Report from Regional Planning and Services..... Marcie Oviedo  
Director

A. Environmental Resources

1. Water Resources

a. Program Activity and Status Report (Region M)

2. Solid Waste Management

a. Program Status Report on Solid Waste Program Activities

B. HUD Disaster Recovery Funding

1. Program Status Reports on 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Disaster Recovery Funding

a. Non-Rental Contract

b. Rental Contract

10. Report from Regional Police Academy ..... Randall Snyder  
Assistant Director

A. Status Reports from Regional Police Academy

1. In-Service Training Hours Reported

2. Basic Peace Officer Academy

3. July 2017 In-Service Scheduled

4. Basic Peace Officer Course Upcoming Academies

5. Academy Projected Graduation Dates

11. Report from Valley Metro..... Tom Logan  
Director

A. Act upon Staff Recommendation

1. Consider Approval RE: Valley Metro Internal Policy and Ethics Code Update

**ACTION ITEM**

2. Program Status Reports

a. Ridership Report

b. Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity

12. Old or New Business ..... President

A. Reservoir Levels

13. Adjourn ..... President

**\* REMINDER \***  
 Next Meeting Date:  
 Wednesday, August 2, 2017  
**LRGVDC'S 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**CELEBRATION**

*Agenda items may be considered, deliberated and/or acted upon in a different order than numbered above.*

*The Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) reserves the right to adjourn into Executive (Closed) Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the items listed on this agenda as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapters 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, and 551.075, Texas Government Code. No final action will be taken in Executive Session.*

**PUBLIC INPUT POLICY**

Public Input Policy: "At the beginning of each LRGVDC meeting, the LRGVDC will allow for an open public forum/comment period. This comment period shall not exceed one-half (1/2) hour in length and each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak. All individuals desiring to address the LRGVDC must be signed up to do so, prior to the open comment period. The purpose of this comment period is to provide the public an opportunity to address issues or topics that are under the jurisdiction of the LRGVDC. For issues or topics which are not otherwise part of the posted agenda for the meeting, LRGVDC members may direct staff to investigate the issue or topic further. No action or discussion shall be taken on issues or topics which are not part of the posted agenda for the meeting. Members of the public may be recognized on posted agenda items deemed appropriate by the Chairman as these items are considered, and the same time limitations (3 minutes) applies."

**ITEM 2.**

**MINUTES**

# MINUTES

## MEETING OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017 - 12:00 P.M.  
LRGVDC MAIN CAMPUS - 301 W. RAILROAD ST., WESLACO, TEXAS  
KEN JONES EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM

PRESIDING: MAYOR TONY MARTINEZ, PRESIDENT

- DRAFT -

Tony Martinez called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and verified that a quorum of the Board was present. The President then moved to item 2. - Consider Approval of April 26, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. **Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez made a motion to approve the April 26, 2017 Board Meeting minutes. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Martinez then moved to item 3.A. - Report from Legislative Delegation; however no reports were available at this time. He then moved to item 3.B. - Public Comment, and recognized Mr. Mike Seifert from Brownsville. Mr. Seifert voiced his support of the Equal Voice Network Resolution about Disaster Claim Appeals to FEMA that will be considered under item 3.E. on this agenda.

Upon conclusion of public comments the President moved to Item 3.C. – Recognition of Regional Police Academy 193<sup>rd</sup> BPOC (Basic Police Officer Course) Graduates. Executive Director Ron Garza informed the Board that this month the Regional Police Academy has graduated 39 cadets from the 193<sup>rd</sup> BPOC and he announced their names for the Board to hear. A job fair was being held at this facility for these recruits, in conjunction with this meeting to provide the recruits job opportunities.

The President next moved to item 3.D. – Consider Approval for LRGVDC Staff to Coordinate with Valley Cities Gas Coalition (VCGC) on upcoming Texas Gas Services Rate Filing. **Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve of LRGVDC staff coordinating with the VCGC on the upcoming Texas Gas Services Rate Filing. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of action the President moved to item 3.E. – Discussion and Possible Action on Equal Voice Network Resolution RE: Disaster Claim Appeals to FEMA. **Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the resolution; Mayor Pro-tem Pilar Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

The President then moved to item 3.F. - Executive Director Report and recognized Mr. Garza to address the following items:

1. LRGVDC Updates & Activities

a. Consider Approval of Resolution of Regional Support

Mr. Garza informed the Board that he incorporated suggestions made at the April meeting in the resolution, and the draft, with revisions noted in red, is presented for Board consideration. **Mayor David Suarez made a motion to approve the Resolution of Regional Support as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

b. Road to Recycling Regional Tire Project Update

Mr. Garza opened the LRGVDC website (lrgvdc.org) on the big screens and displayed the page for the Road to Recycling project and noted the details available to the public.

c. Upcoming Events

Mr. Garza informed the Board of the following events:

1. June 3: Santa Anna NWR Family Fun Day 2017
2. June 12-14: RGV to DC Trip
3. June 20: Municipal Capacity Building Workshop
4. June 21: Federal Agency Resource Conference
5. June 22: Road to Recycling Press Conference
6. June 22 – 24: NALEO 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Dallas
7. June 24: Road to Recycling Project Launch
8. August 2: LRGVDC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Upon conclusion of Administration items, President Martinez moved to item 4. – Report from 9-1-1 Department. Mr. Raul Madero, Program Supervisor was recognized and stated that the department had no action items this month and that the current program status reports were available on the website for review.

President Martinez next moved to item 5. – Report from Area Agency on Aging and recognized Program Director Joe Gonzalez who addressed the following items under A. – Act upon Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council Recommendations:

1. Consider Approval to Increase the Congregate Meal Rate

Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the Advisory Council recommends increasing the current congregate meal rate from \$5.37 to \$5.86. This recommendation is the result of a four-year analysis submitted by Amigos Del Valle and a review of the statewide rates from all congregate meal providers. ***The Hon. Norma G. Garcia made a motion to approve the increase of the congregate meal rate as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mr. Ronald Mills seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

2. Consider Approval to Authorize Staff to Issue Contractor (Vendor) Solicitation for New Contractors

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Advisory Council recommends authorizing Area Agency on Aging staff to issue a solicitation for new contractors (vendors). The reason for this request is because some communities may have only one provider such as a pharmacy, and the current vendor enrollment is only half of what it was last year. ***Mr. Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to authorize Area Agency on Aging staff to issue a solicitation for new contractors (vendors) as recommended by the Advisory Council. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.***

Upon conclusion of action Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board that the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Centenarian Recognition Celebration took place on May 4. This year there were 22 centenarians in attendance and the oldest was 103. This year's celebration included a special Purple Heart presentation to Mr. Manuel Cantu who was injured during World War II.

President Martinez next moved to item 6. - Report from Economic Development Department and recognized Director Terrie Salinas. Ms. Salinas addressed item A.1. – Consider Request from Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District (PISBND) to be the Grant Administrator for their EDA Project. Ms. Salinas informed the Board that PISBND received an EDA Financial Assistance Award for \$1,000,000, which was matched with \$428,572. The grant will be utilized for a Port Rehabilitation Project. The Lower Rio Grande Valley Economic Development District received a request from the Port



Director to help them administer this grant. As per the EDA program, Economic Development Districts are eligible to administer EDA grants and charge this cost to the grant project. **Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the request from PISBND for the LRGVEDD to be the grant administrator for their EDA project; Mayor Pro-tem Norie Gonzalez Garza seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Upon conclusion of Economic Development items the President moved to item 7. – Report from Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization (HCMPO). HCMPO Assistant Director Linda De La Fuente was recognized and advised the Board of updates to the membership of their Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee. Ms. De La Fuente also informed the Board of upcoming meeting and workshop dates.

President Martinez next moved to item 8. - Report from Homeland Security and recognized Program Director Manuel Cruz. Regarding item A.1. – Consider Approval to Reallocate Uncommitted Funding from FY 2015 and FY 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and FY 2016 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grants, Mr. Cruz informed the Board that as part of the reallocation process, the Homeland Security Grant Division provided a summary of the 2015 and 2016 funds allocated and awarded within this region and the amounts that have been de-obligated as of May 2. The information was provided to the LRGVDC so that staff would be aware of funds available for reallocation to other potential projects during the June 2017 designated reallocation window. The HSAC convened on May 10 and recommends the following projects and amounts:

| GRANT              | PROJECT   | APPLICANT                                 | REALLOCATION AMOUNT    |
|--------------------|---|---|------------------------|
| FY 2015 SHSP       | Regional Response Teams, Texas Task Force 1 – Type III Rio Grande Valley Team | LRGVDC                                    | \$3,100.74             |
| FY 2016 SHSP       | Regional Response Teams, Texas Task Force 1 – Type III Rio Grande Valley Team | LRGVDC                                    | \$4,754.45             |
| FY 2016 SHSP/LETPA | Interoperable Communications  | City of Palmview Law Enforcement Radio(s) | \$6,399.40 (estimated) |

The HSGD will communicate the uncommitted amounts again on June 1 and at that time solicit reallocation plans from applicants for the uncommitted funds. The deadline for 2015 reallocated funds is December 31; the deadline for projects using 2016 reallocated funds is August 31, 2018. **Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the reallocation of uncommitted funding from FY 2015 and FY 2016 SHSP and FY 2016 LETPA grants as recommended by the Homeland Security Advisory Committee. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.** Upon conclusion of action Mr. Cruz noted that hurricane season officially begins June 1 and encouraged all present to prepare accordingly.

The President next moved to item 8.B. - Criminal Justice program status reports and noted that they were available in the online meeting packet for review.

The President next moved to item 9. - Regional Planning & Services and recognized Program Director Marcie Oviedo who noted that the regular program status reports for Water Resources and Solid Waste Management were available in the online packet for review. She then gave the presentation noted in item 9.B.1. – HUD Disaster Recovery Project Updates that detailed the deliverables of the program.

Upon conclusion of the presentation Ms. Oviedo addressed item 2. – Consider Approval RE: Allocation of Transferred funds from Non-Rental Program to Multi-Family Rental Program. She explained that

- Donna Housing Project - \$1,043,300.00 will be allocated to Donna Housing Project for complete construction of eight new units.
- Willacy County White House Project - \$1,144,141.85 will be allocated to Willacy White House

Project to complete construction of eleven new units.

**Mr. Ronald Mills made a motion to approve the allocation of transferred funds from the Non-Rental Program to the Multi-Family Rental Program as presented. Mr. Eddy Gonzalez seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Martinez next moved to item 10. - Report from Regional Police Academy and recognized Assistant Director Randall Snyder who gave a brief summary of the status reports.

The President next moved to item 11. - Report from Valley Metro and recognized Director Ton Logan to address the following:

1. Consider Approval RE: Revisions to Maintenance Program

Mr. Logan stated that the revisions to the Maintenance Program are minor in nature and are intended to reflect changes in staff contact information, staff titles, dates, and other non-critical language such as grammar corrections within the policy. **Mayor Henry Hinojosa made a motion to approve the revisions to the Maintenance Program as presented. Commissioner Victor Leal seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Consider Approval RE: Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace Policy

Mr. Logan stated that the revisions to the Drug & Alcohol Free Work Place Policy are minor and are intended to reflect changes in staff contact information, staff titles, dates and other non-critical language such as grammar corrections within the policy. **Mayor Jim Darling made a motion to approve the revisions to the Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy as presented. Mayor Henry Hinojosa seconded the motion, and upon a vote the motion carried unanimously.**

President Martinez next moved to item 12. - Old or New Business. There being no further business to come before the Board **Mr. Eddy Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn. The Hon. Norma G. Garcia seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.**

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Mayor Tony Martinez, President

ATTEST:

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Deborah Morales, Recording Secretary

**ITEM 3.D.**

**TEXAS GAS  
SERVICE**

# Memo

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June 22, 2017

TO: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Members

FROM: Texas Gas Services

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## **Resolution of Support for Texas Gas Service's Rio Grande Valley Energy Efficiency Program**

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As you may recall, Texas Gas Service's ("TGS") RGV Energy Efficiency Program was initially presented in front of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council on January 27, 2016 where the creation of the program was endorsed with a unanimous vote. The Conservation Adjustment Clause ("CAC") tariff establishing the program with a modest volumetric rate to residential and commercial gas sales customers was then filed with the 34 incorporated cities of the RGV service area on March 23, 2016. The CAC tariff became effective on April 27, 2016 and the program officially launched on September 1, 2016.

The Energy Efficiency Program provides residential, new construction and commercial TGS customers with the opportunity to receive rebates on efficient natural gas appliances. Another important aspect of the program is the Free Equipment Program which will assist low-income, mobility-challenged and elderly residents in the RGV who cannot afford to purchase a safe and efficient natural gas appliance.

Since its introduction, the RGV Energy Efficiency Program has seen a steady rise in participation in both the residential and commercial programs. To date, 92 residential rebates, 5 homebuilder rebates, and 852 commercial direct installations have been issued. As program awareness increases with the use of bill inserts, social media, e-blasts, local radio spots, in-store events, participation in community events and local employee knowledge, TGS expects participation to continue to grow. The Free Equipment program, providing installation of free natural gas equipment to eligible low-income customers referred by partner agencies, is on track to begin this summer.

This portfolio of program offerings has been independently verified cost-effective by economic consultant Paul Raab. With overhead expenses maintained at or below 15% of total program costs, nearly all of program expenditures are spent locally in the Rio Grande Valley. In addition to assisting customers offset the initial cost of purchasing energy efficiency appliances, the Energy Efficiency Program helps maintain TGS's customer base in the RGV service area. This ultimately spreads costs over a greater number of customers, helping to stabilize bills over time.

TGS plans to file a comprehensive rate case for the incorporated RGV cities on June 15, 2017, at which time the Energy Efficiency Program will be reviewed. TGS seeks to continue offering eligible RGV customers the opportunity to realize the cost and energy savings made possible through the Energy Efficiency Program.

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution of Support for continuing Texas Gas Service's RGV Energy Efficiency Program as it was originally established. This resolution is a way to represent the council's

position on the Energy Efficiency Program as it is reviewed in conjunction with the RGV incorporated rate case.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-05**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) SUPPORTING TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY'S RIO GRANDE VALLEY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) is the Regional Council of Governments serving Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Gas Service Company, ("TGS"), a Division of ONE Gas, Inc., an Oklahoma corporation, is a gas distribution utility operating within the cities of Alamo, Alton, Brownsville, Combes, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Elsa, Harlingen, Hidalgo, La Feria, La Joya, La Villa, Laguna Vista, Los Fresnos, Lyford, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palm Valley, Palmhurst, Palmview, Penitas, Pharr, Port Isabel, Primera, Progreso, Rancho Viejo, Raymondville, Rio Hondo, San Benito, San Juan, Santa Rosa, and Weslaco, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2016, TGS filed a Conservation Adjustment Clause ("CAC") tariff to implement an Energy Efficiency Program for the incorporated cities in its Rio Grande Valley Service Area, which became effective on April 27, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Energy Efficiency Program offers assistance to residential and commercial customers to encourage the most efficient use of energy, reduce net energy consumption and lower utility bills; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAC tariff defines the LRGVDC as the Regulatory Body for the purposes of the Energy Efficiency Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRGVDC supports the continuation of TGS's Energy Efficiency Program, as established, in order to continue offering eligible Rio Grande Valley customers opportunities to benefit from the Energy Efficiency Program and realize cost and energy savings from the programs TGS offers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council supports the continuation of Texas Gas Service' Energy Efficiency Program.

**Adopted and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors.**

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Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez  
LRGVDC Board President

**ITEM 3.F.**

**NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

June 28, 2017

3. Administration

F. Act upon Recommendations from Nominating Committee ..... Mayor Tony Martinez  
Committee Chair

1. As an update, the Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in Weslaco and nominated ten (10) individuals to be considered as At-large Members to the LRGVDC General Membership. Five (5) persons were approved by the General Membership last month at the May Annual Election Meeting. These individuals are:

| <b>NAME</b>              | <b>CITY</b> | <b>COUNTY</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Ms. Ann Cass             | McAllen     | Hidalgo       |
| Hon. Norma G. Garcia     | Donna       | Hidalgo       |
| Commissioner Pete Garcia | San Juan    | Hidalgo       |
| Mr. Eddy Gonzalez        | Edcouch     | Hidalgo       |
| Ms. Veronica Gonzalez    | Edinburg    | Hidalgo       |

The Nominating Committee's recommendations for the remaining five (5) persons to be considered by the Board of Directors are as follows:

| <b>NAME</b>                    | <b>CITY</b>  | <b>COUNTY</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Mayor Rick Cavazos             | Los Indios   | Cameron       |
| Mr. Eliazar "Yogi" Garcia, Jr. | Raymondville | Willacy       |
| Mr. Brian Godinez              | McAllen      | Hidalgo       |
| Mr. Leo Munoz                  | Weslaco      | Hidalgo       |
| Ms. Diana Serna                | Mercedes     | Hidalgo       |

**ACTION ITEM**



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Board of Directors Meeting

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3. Administration

F. Act upon Recommendations from Nominating Committee ..... Mayor Tony Martinez  
Committee Chair

2. The Nominating Committee also recommends, of the ten (10) Members identified in the previous item, that the following three (3) persons be considered to fill the three (3) At-large seats on the Board of Directors for 2017-2018:

|                      |            |         |
|----------------------|------------|---------|
| Mayor Rick Cavazos   | Los Indios | Cameron |
| Hon. Norma G. Garcia | Donna      | Hidalgo |
| Mr. Eddy Gonzalez    | Edcouch    | Hidalgo |

**ACTION ITEM**

**ITEM 3.G.1.c.**

**RGV FIRST  
LETTER OF  
SUPPORT**



# Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council

Mayor Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, Pharr.....President  
Hon. Norma G. Garcia, Member-at-Large.....1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Mayor David Suarez, Weslaco.....2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mayor Jim Darling, McAllen.....Secretary  
Judge Aurelio "Keter" Guerra, Willacy County.....Treasurer  
Mayor Tony Martinez, Brownsville.....Immediate Past President

June 28, 2017

## BOARD MEMBERS

Alex Dominguez  
Commissioner, Cameron County

David Fuentes  
Commissioner Hidalgo County

Pilar Garza  
Mayor Pro-tem, Alamo

Irene Munoz  
Mayor, Donna

Daniel A. Guzman  
Commissioner, Edcouch

Homer Jasso, Jr.  
Councilman, Edinburg

Chris Boswell  
Mayor, Harlingen

Esmeralda Lozano  
Mayor Pro-tem, La Feria

Joe Contreras  
Alderman, La Villa

Henry Hinojosa  
Mayor, Mercedes

Norie Gonzalez Garza  
Mayor Pro-tem, Mission

Benjamin "Ben" Gomez  
Mayor, San Benito

Jesus "Jesse" Ramirez  
Mayor Pro-tem, San Juan

Pal Hernandez  
South Texas College, McAllen

Javier De Leon  
TSTC, Harlingen

Troy Allen  
Delta Lake Irrigation District

Ronald Mills  
Willacy County Navigation District

Mr. Eddy Gonzalez  
Member-at-Large

Mayor Rick Cavazos  
Member-at-Large

Arturo Ramirez  
Grassroots Organizations

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**Ron Garza**

DRAFT

Mr. Sergio Contreras  
President & CEO  
RGV Partnership  
322 S. Missouri Avenue  
Weslaco, TX 78596

Dear Mr. Contreras,

We applaud the efforts of the RGV Partnership with its region-wide launch of the RGV First Campaign. We support this effort to showcase the talent and professional hard work of locally-owned architects, engineers, and contractors who provide such an important role in the design and building of our facilities and infrastructure. We believe this group of dedicated men and women contribute greatly to our local economy across the Rio Grande Valley (RGV).

We share in your belief that public and private entities should promote fiscal responsibility and maximize the effectiveness of our local tax dollars to ensure that our design and construction dollars remain in the local economy for the economic benefit of our citizens. We also believe that by contracting with local businesses we are investing dollars back into our economy to reserve local employment opportunities and help improve the quality of life across the RGV.

As you know, the LRGVDC promotes and encourages cooperation among local entities of government in order to improve the region's health, safety, and general welfare. Advocating for a stronger and educated workforce by encouraging the hiring of our local architects, engineers, and contractors can help stop the "brain-drain" of our educated workforce and build and sustain the future of our local economy. We want our graduates to come back or not leave at all.

In the best interest of the region, the LRGVDC encourages RGV public and private entities to hire our local architects, engineers, and contractors first. Please let us know how we can assist the RGV Partnership in this much needed endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Garza,  
Executive Director

**ITEM 4.**

**9-1-1**

**DEPARTMENT**

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
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4. Report from 9-1-1 Department.....Sergio Castro  
Director

A. Program Status Report

1. Location Validation Program

Location Validation staff continuously addresses new subdivisions and issues address tickets. On May 27, 2017, staff attended an addressing event in the community of Hargill at which staff delivered 9-1-1 physical address letters and address plates to the residents.

2. Database Program

Database staff continuously updates the 9-1-1 database and adds new streets and ranges as new subdivisions are developed in Hidalgo and Willacy Counties. In May, a total of 204 Telephone Numbers (TN) were corrected and 195 streets in the Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) were updated. Over 240 address request calls were received, which resulted in 212 address tickets for 9-1-1 physical addresses.

3. Mapping Program

Mapping Program staff has transitioned all 9-1-1 physical address data to the new State approved EGDMS Schema; this change is vital to the future of 9-1-1 call routing. It has been implemented at the LRGVDC 9-1-1 office as well as the host sites at McAllen PD and the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. The Mapping Program continues to use the Geolynx tool to add new data to the map more efficiently and to help detect and correct any errors in GIS. Staff continuously works on address point verification in order to ensure accurate call routing in the new I-3 9-1-1 environment. Staff also continues to update address information on its local maps.

4. System and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Program

Systems staff continues monitoring sites and performing regular audits to ensure efficiency to the 9-1-1 system. Staff is also in the process of adding workstations to six PSAPs due to increased call volume in their areas.

5. Public Education/Training Program

Public Education is an ongoing priority for the 9-1-1 Department and staff continues to reach out to communities and educate residents. In May, three Pub Ed events were held and over 2,500 9-1-1 promotional items were distributed. Efforts continue to focus on educating the Lower Rio Grande Valley on Kari's Laws along with Text to 9-1-1 and avoiding Pocket Dialing.

# **ITEM 5.**

## **AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

5. Report from Area Agency on Aging .....Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

A. Act Upon Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) Advisory Council Recommendation

1. Consider Approval to Extend Current Sub-recipient Contracts until September 30, 2019

The Advisory Council recommends approval to extend current Sub-recipient contract end dates from September 30, 2017 for another two years, to the end date of September 30, 2019. The current contracts do provide the option to extend the contracts to three years.

Sub-recipients:

- Amigos Del Valle – Transportation, Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
- Cameron, Willacy Counties Community Projects
- City of La Joya – Senior Center Operations
- City of Los Fresnos – Senior Center Operations
- City of Rio Hondo
- Mission Housing Authority – Senior Center Operations
- Senior Community Outreach Services – Caregiver Education and Training
- WellMed Medical Foundation – Senior Center Operations and Caregiver Education Training

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  - A. Act Upon Area Agency on Aging (AAoA) Advisory Council Recommendation
    2. Consider Approval to Extend Current Contractor (Vendor) Contracts until September 30, 2019.

The Advisory Council recommends approval to extend the end dates of current Contractor (Vendor) contracts from September 30, 2017, for another two years, to end on September 30, 2019. Current contracts do provide the option to extend the contracts to three years.

| <b>Contractors</b>  |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>Transportation</b>   |                                  |
| Jose L. Gudino  |                                  |
| LeFleur Transportation  |                                  |
| MIA Transportation  |                                  |
| Med Care Transportation   |                                  |
| STTS  |                                  |
| <b>Residential Modifications</b>                                    |                                  |
| 3 General Construction Inc.   | Jose L. Gudino                   |
| Adaptive Access Construction  | Texas Ramp Project               |
| Curiel Construction   | Wallstreet Construction          |
| J.W. Turner Construction  |                                  |
| J&B Remodeling  |                                  |
| Jose Flores Construction  |                                  |
| <b>Homemaker &amp; Respite</b>                                      |                                  |
| APC Home Health Services  | New Life Assisted Living         |
| Arise Home Health Care, Inc   | New Life Home Health Srvs        |
| Divine Health Care, LLC   | Nurses that Care Sitter Srvs     |
| D'Oro Home Health Services  | VIP Providers, Inc.              |
| Health Care Unlimited   |                                  |
| Med Team, Inc   |                                  |
| <b>Medications, Medical Supplies, and Durable Medical Equipment</b> |                                  |
| Autrey Pharmacy DBA   | Richard's Pharmacy (Edinburg)    |
| Mission Plaza Pharmacy  | Saenz Med Pharmacy (@ Renas)     |
| Pete's Pharmacy II  | Saenz Med Pharmacy (McAllen – 3) |
| Pete's Pharmacy III   | Saenz Med Pharmacy (Mission)     |
| Raw's Rx – Mission  | Saenz Med Pharmacy (Penitas)     |
| Richard's Pharmacy (Alton)  | Watson's City Drugs              |
| <b>Other Services</b>   |                                  |
| Hearing Aids Inc (Harlingen, McAllen, and Weslaco)                  |                                  |
| Joli's Orthopedic Shoes & Medical Supplies                          |                                  |

**ACTION ITEM**



Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

5. Report from Area Agency on Aging .....Jose L. Gonzalez, Director

- B. Program Status Report

1. Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriations

On Monday, June 12, the LRGVDC received the notification of awards for the remainder of the 2017 fiscal year for the Area Agency on Aging operations. The previous awards expired at the end of April 2017.

# **ITEM 6.**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

## LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Board of Directors Meeting  
June 28, 2017

### 6. REPORT FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

1. Consider Approval for Matching Funds RE: Economic Adjustment Project Application

The scope of work will focus on increasing economic development efforts by marketing the region's 44 cities as "one region". It will identify, map, and categorize all of the tourist attractions across the region. After completing this inventory a gap analysis of these assets will also be conducted. The second objective will then be to document and create a comprehensive electronic resource guide of the Valley. This information will be made available utilizing technology and interactive media on the worldwide web. This marketing tool will be made user-friendly and educational as well.

This economic adjustment application has a 70/30 percent match requirement. The matching requirement amount is \$150,000 and the grant amount is \$350,000 for a total project cost of \$500,000. Board action is required.

**ACTION ITEM**

# Grant Application Package

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Opportunity Title:</b>      | FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs • Appl   |
| <b>Offering Agency:</b>        | Economic Development Administration   |
| <b>CFDA Number:</b>            | 11.307  |
| <b>CFDA Description:</b>       | Economic Adjustment Assistance  |
| <b>Opportunity Number:</b>     | EDAP2017  |
| <b>Competition ID:</b>         | EAA-NC  |
| <b>Opportunity Open Date:</b>  | 12/23/2016  |
| <b>Opportunity Close Date:</b> | 12/31/2019  |
| <b>Agency Contact:</b>         | Please contact the EDA representative for your state. A complete list of EDA representatives is available on EDA's website at <a href="http://www.eda.gov/contact/">http://www.eda.gov/contact/</a> |

**This opportunity is only open to organizations, applicants who are submitting grant applications on behalf of a company, state, local or tribal government, academia, or other type of organization.**

**Application Filing Name:**

## Select Forms to Complete

### Mandatory

- [Application for Federal Assistance \(SF-424\)](#)
- [ED-900 General Application for EDA Programs](#)
- [Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs \(SF-424A\)](#)
- [ED-900A Additional Assurances for Construction or Non-Construction](#)
- [Assurances for Non-Construction Programs \(SF-424B\)](#)
- [CD511 Form](#)

### Optional

- [Attachments](#)
- [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(SF-LLL\)](#)
- [ED-900P Proposal for EDA Assistance](#)
- [ED-900F Supplement for Revolving Loan Fund Applications](#)

## Instructions

[Show Instructions >>](#)

**This electronic grants application is intended to be used to apply for the specific Federal funding opportunity referenced here. If the Federal funding opportunity listed is not the opportunity for which you want to apply, close this application package by clicking on the "Cancel" button at the top of this screen. You will then need to locate the correct Federal funding opportunity, download its application and then apply.**

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| * 1. Type of Submission:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application<br><input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application | * 2. Type of Application:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New<br><input type="checkbox"/> Continuation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Revision | * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):<br>_____<br>* Other (Specify):<br>_____ |
|--|--|--|

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| * 3. Date Received:<br>Completed by Grants.gov upon submission. | 4. Applicant Identifier:<br>_____ |
|---|-----------------------------------|

|   |  |
|---|--|
| 5a. Federal Entity Identifier:<br>_____ | 5b. Federal Award Identifier:<br>_____ |
|---|--|

**State Use Only:**

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 6. Date Received by State: _____ | 7. State Application Identifier: _____ |
|----------------------------------|--|

**8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| * a. Legal Name: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council       |   |
| * b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 74-1586916 | * c. Organizational DUNS: 0405375200000 |

**d. Address:**

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| * Street1: 301 W. Railroad Street |
| Street2: _____                    |
| * City: Weslaco                   |
| County/Parish: _____              |
| * State: TX: Texas                |
| Province: _____                   |
| * Country: USA: UNITED STATES     |
| * Zip / Postal Code: 78596        |

**e. Organizational Unit:**

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Department Name: Economic Development | Division Name: _____ |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|

**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Prefix: Mrs.         | * First Name: Terrie |
| Middle Name: G.      |                      |
| * Last Name: Salinas |                      |
| Suffix: _____        |                      |

|   |
|---|
| Title: Director of Economic Development |
|---|

|   |
|---|
| Organizational Affiliation: Lower Rio Grande Valley Economic Development District |
|---|

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| * Telephone Number: 956-682-3481 | Fax Number: 956-631-4670 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|

|                              |
|------------------------------|
| * Email: tsalinas@lrgvdc.org |
|------------------------------|

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

E: Regional Organization

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Economic Development Administration

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

11.307

CFDA Title:

Economic Adjustment Assistance

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

EDAP2017

\* Title:

FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs • Application submission and program requirements for EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs.

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

EAA-NC

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

LRGV Cities Map 424 #14 May-2017.doc

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment

**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Explore RGV will create a regional asset map of all available tourist, recreational, and nature sites and market the Valley via all types of media in order to increase the tourism industry.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

Delete Attachments

View Attachments

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant

\* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date:

\* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| * a. Federal        | <input type="text" value="350,000.00"/> |
| * b. Applicant      | <input type="text" value="150,000.00"/> |
| * c. State          | <input type="text" value="0.00"/>       |
| * d. Local          | <input type="text" value="0.00"/>       |
| * e. Other          | <input type="text" value="0.00"/>       |
| * f. Program Income | <input type="text" value="0.00"/>       |
| * g. TOTAL          | <input type="text" value="500,000.00"/> |

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:

\* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

\* Date Signed:

# BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Number: 4040-0006  
Expiration Date: 01/31/2019

## SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

| Grant Program Function or Activity (a) | Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b) | Estimated Unobligated Funds |                 | New or Revised Budget |                 |               |
|--|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|  |   | Federal (c)                 | Non-Federal (d) | Federal (e)           | Non-Federal (f) | Total (g)     |
| 1. Economic Adjustment Assistance      | 11.307  | \$ 350,000.00               | \$ 150,000.00   | \$                    | \$              | \$ 500,000.00 |
| 2.                                     |   |                             |                 |                       |                 |               |
| 3.                                     |   |                             |                 |                       |                 |               |
| 4.                                     |   |                             |                 |                       |                 |               |
| 5. Totals                              |   | \$ 350,000.00               | \$ 150,000.00   | \$                    | \$              | \$ 500,000.00 |



**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

| 6. Object Class Categories             | GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY   |     |     |     | Total<br>(5)  |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
|  | (1)<br>Economic Adjustment Assistance | (2) | (3) | (4) |               |
| a. Personnel                           | \$ 65,000.00                          | \$  | \$  | \$  | \$ 65,000.00  |
| b. Fringe Benefits                     | 34,301.00                             |     |     |     | 34,301.00     |
| c. Travel                              | 5,500.00                              |     |     |     | 5,500.00      |
| d. Equipment                           | 4,000.00                              |     |     |     | 4,000.00      |
| e. Supplies                            | 2,000.00                              |     |     |     | 2,000.00      |
| f. Contractual                         | 347,500.00                            |     |     |     | 347,500.00    |
| g. Construction                        | 0.00                                  |     |     |     |               |
| h. Other                               | 9,525.00                              |     |     |     | 9,525.00      |
| i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h) | 467,826.00                            |     |     |     | \$ 467,826.00 |
| j. Indirect Charges                    | 32,174.00                             |     |     |     | \$ 32,174.00  |
| k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)           | \$ 500,000.00                         | \$  | \$  | \$  | \$ 500,000.00 |
| 7. Program Income                      | \$ 0.00                               | \$  | \$  | \$  | \$            |

**SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES**

| (a) Grant Program                 | (b) Applicant | (c) State | (d) Other Sources | (e) TOTALS    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|
| 8. Economic Adjustment Assistance | \$ 150,000.00 | \$        | \$                | \$ 150,000.00 |
| 9.                                |               |           |                   |               |
| 10.                               |               |           |                   |               |
| 11.                               |               |           |                   |               |
| 12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)     | \$ 150,000.00 | \$        | \$                | \$ 150,000.00 |

**SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS**

|                                    | Total for 1st Year | 1st Quarter   | 2nd Quarter   | 3rd Quarter   | 4th Quarter   |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 13. Federal                        | \$ 350,000.00      | \$ 87,500.00  | \$ 87,500.00  | \$ 87,500.00  | \$ 87,500.00  |
| 14. Non-Federal                    | \$ 150,000.00      | \$ 37,500.00  | \$ 37,500.00  | \$ 37,500.00  | \$ 37,500.00  |
| 15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14) | \$ 500,000.00      | \$ 125,000.00 | \$ 125,000.00 | \$ 125,000.00 | \$ 125,000.00 |

**SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT**

| (a) Grant Program                  | FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (YEARS) |            |           |            |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
|                                    | (b) First                      | (c) Second | (d) Third | (e) Fourth |
| 16. Economic Adjustment Assistance | \$ 0.00                        | \$ 0.00    | \$ 0.00   | \$ 0.00    |
| 17.                                |                                |            |           |            |
| 18.                                |                                |            |           |            |
| 19.                                |                                |            |           |            |
| 20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16 - 19)   | \$                             | \$         | \$        | \$         |

**SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION**

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 21. Direct Charges: 467,826.00 | 22. Indirect Charges: 32,174.00 |
| 23. Remarks:                   |                                 |

# **ITEM 8.**

# **HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Report

June 28, 2017

8. Report from Homeland Security.....Manuel Cruz  
Director

A. Act upon Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) Recommendations.

1. Consider Approval of the FY2015 and FY2016 Resolutions for the Homeland Security Grant Program Reallocation of Uncommitted Funding from the Texas Task Force 1 Type III Rio Grande Valley.

In conjunction with the Board's approval in May on this item and as part of the Homeland Security Grant Divisions (HSGD) grant guidelines, applications must include resolutions that contain specific information relevant to the State Homeland Security Program/Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities. Upon approval, the resolutions will be uploaded and attached to their specific eGrants application.

Attached for your review and approval are the resolutions for the two projects that will be managed by the LRGVDC.

Please refer to Attachment A & B. Should there be any questions please advise.

**ACTION ITEM**

Attachment A



## LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### FY2015 TX-TF1 TYPE III RGV PROJECT

#### RESOLUTION

06/30/2017-12/31/2017

**WHEREAS,** The LRGVDC Board of Directors, Governing Body finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the LRGVDC Region, that the TX-TF1 Type III RGV Project be operated for the FY2016 reallocation and managed and implemented by the LRGVDC; and

**WHEREAS,** The LRGVDC Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The LRGVDC Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

**WHEREAS,** LRGVDC Board of Directors, Governing Body designates the LRGVDC Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**Comment [PC1]:** If you designate a name, you will always need to submit a new resolution if the authorized official changes.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant application for the TX-TF1 Type III RGV to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division for the amount of \$3,100.74

Passed and Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, LRGVDC President

Attachment B



## LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### FY2016 TX-TF1 TYPE III RGV PROJECT

#### RESOLUTION

06/30/2017-08/31/2018

**WHEREAS,** The LRGVDC Board of Directors, Governing Body finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the LRGVDC Region, that the TX-TF1 Type III RGV Project be operated for the FY2016 reallocation and managed and implemented by the LRGVDC; and

**WHEREAS,** The LRGVDC Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The LRGVDC Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

**WHEREAS,** LRGVDC Board of Directors, Governing Body designates the LRGVDC Executive Director as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**Comment [PC1]:** If you designate a name, you will always need to submit a new resolution if the authorized official changes.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The LRGVDC Board of Directors approves submission of the grant application for the TX-TF1 Type III RGV to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Division for the amount of \$4,754.45

Passed and Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

The Honorable Ambrosio "Amos" Hernandez, LRGVDC President

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

June 28, 2017

8. Report from Homeland Security .....Manuel Cruz  
Director

A. Homeland Security

2. Status Reports

a) Homeland Security Program

Staff continues to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with Emergency Management Plans (EMP), meeting eligibility requirements, technical assistance on equipment expenditures, and grant deadlines.

To date, out of the 46 jurisdictions that are within the LRGVDC Region in the three counties, the following city/towns DO NOT have an EMP: Granjeno, Progreso Lakes and San Perlita. This item was presented before our local Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) in June for further guidance and assistance to gain 100% EMP coverage within the region. HSAC members are committed in accomplishing this task and will be looking at different avenues to address this issue. Engaging in an Inter-jurisdictional Program is a possibility.

Inter-jurisdictional programs involving more than one city and/or county may be established as desired for joint participation in an emergency management program. Inter-jurisdictional emergency management programs are established by joint resolution of the cities and county or counties concerned after each of those jurisdictions have established their own programs by City Ordinance or Commissioners Court Order. Upon completion, each local and/or inter-jurisdictional emergency management agency must distribute their emergency management plan with all appropriate officials.

b) Citizen Corps Program (CCP)/Preparedness

Staff continues to conduct outreach and promote Community Emergency Preparedness and volunteer programs throughout the LRGVDC Region at the monthly Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meetings and other venues.

Staff attended the Rio Grande Valley Hurricane EXPO that was held at the South Texas College – Mid Valley Campus in Weslaco on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and provided a verity of preparedness materials to the public.

Additionally, staff was invited to participate in this year's Youth Preparedness Camp in San Marcos, TX that was held from June 12 - 16. Each year the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) at Texas State University selects teams of individuals to attend the Youth Preparedness Camp. The TxSSC Youth Preparedness Camp is designed and delivered using a youth-led, adult assisted process. A youth-led, adult assisted model is one where students are essentially the decision makers and the adults act in a supportive role. Youth participants are generally from grades 8-12.

c) FY2015 Homeland Security Grant Program

This grant is closed. However, as part of the reallocation process, the Homeland Security Grant Division provided a summary on the 2015 funds allocated and awarded within our region and the amounts that have been de-obligated as of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The information was provided to the LRGVDC so that we would be aware of any funds that are available for reallocation to other potential projects during the June 2017 designated reallocation window.

As an update, these projects are currently being developed and the reallocation funding plan is due to the HSGD on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

d) FY2016 Homeland Security Grant Program

Staff continues to provide technical assistance to jurisdictions with eGrant and grant awards.

As part of the reallocation process, the Homeland Security Grant Division provided a summary on the 2016 funds allocated and awarded within our region and the amounts that have been de-obligated as of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The information was provided to the LRGVDC so that we would be aware of any funds that are available for reallocation to other potential projects during the June 2017 designated reallocation window.

As an update, these projects are currently being developed and the reallocation funding plan is due to the HSGD on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**eGrants Help Desk:**

Any jurisdiction needing further training and assistance with eGrants may contact LRGVDC Staff or email the state at [eGrants@gov.state.tx.us](mailto:eGrants@gov.state.tx.us). Services provided include: new and existing account management; password resets; navigating within eGrants; and resolving website and other technical issues.

**Resources:**

Detailed funding information and a calendar listing the available funding is located here - <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov/fundopp.aspx>.



Further guidance can be found here - <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov/updates.aspx>.

e) FY2017 Homeland Security Grant Program

The State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) prioritization and/or rankings was submitted to HSGD on March 31<sup>st</sup>. All project start dates are estimated to begin on September 2017 and will roll over into 2018. The information was provided by the HSGD on June 8<sup>th</sup> during our bi-monthly conference call.

- The FY2017 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released by FEMA on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- HSGD is working under a compressed application period.
- The same allocation formula used for FY16 funds will also be used to determine funding for FY17. 2 Substitutions to allocation funding formula. Ports and Border miles will both use different data sources, however, it is unknown what those will be at this time.
- There will be a 10 % cap on funding increases and a 5% cap on funding decreases. 5% cap does not apply to those not meeting the 25% LETPA requirement.
- Calls between HSGD and Regions will begin the first week of July to address any and all items and to confirm and/or delete the conditionally approved projects that were submitted.

**Computerized Crime History (CCH) Reporting Requirement:**

As per HSGD, each county must reach 90% CCH status by August 1<sup>st</sup> on both categories (adult and juvenile) arrest dispositions in order for applicants to receive an award from Homeland Security. Below is the latest updates that were provided as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The District Attorney's Office from each of the counties are the points of contact and the responsible agencies in meeting this requirements.

Statewide Combined Completeness Percentage as of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

| COUNTY  | ADULT | JUVENILE |
|---------|-------|----------|
| Cameron | 90%   | 98%      |
| Hidalgo | 93%   | 97%      |
| Willacy | 82%   | 98%      |

Source: Texas DPS, Crime Records Service

**NOTICE:** As of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 45 counties in Texas have not met the criminal history reporting requirements. The HSGD will utilize data from August 1<sup>st</sup> to determine compliance.

**Jurisdictions with projects that were prequalified to receive funding but are not in compliance will be disqualified**

Should there be any questions please advise.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting

June 28, 2017

8. Homeland Security ..... Manuel Cruz  
Director

B. Criminal Justice Program

1. Status Report

a. Criminal Justice Division (CJD) Planning

The Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division continues to review all eGrant applications for FY2017-2018 and applicants are standing by to receive the final outcome of the applications and funding decision from CJD.

b. Computerized Criminal History (CCH) Compliance

As per CJD, each county must reach 90% CCH status by August 1<sup>st</sup> on both categories (adult and juvenile) arrest dispositions in order for applicants to receive an award from CJD. Below is the latest updates that were provided as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. The District Attorney's Office from each of the counties are the points of contact and the responsible agencies in meeting this requirements.

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Should you have any questions, please advise.

# **ITEM 9.**

# **REGIONAL PLANNING & SERVICES**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 28, 2017

9. Report from Regional Planning and Services.....Marcie Oviedo  
Director

A. Environmental Resources

1. Water Resources

a. Program Activity and Status Report (Region M)

❖ The next Region M meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2017.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 28, 2017

9. Report from Regional Planning and Services.....Marcie Oviedo  
Director

A. Environmental Resources

2. Solid Waste Management

a. Program Status Report on Solid Waste Program Activities

Staff continues to provide technical assistance and outreach and continues to monitor all Solid Waste Management Projects. All information pertaining to the solid waste program is available on our web site at [www.lrgvdc.org](http://www.lrgvdc.org) – regional planning page.

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 28, 2017

9. Report from Regional Planning and Services.....Marcie Oviedo  
Director

B. HUD Disaster Recovery Funding

1. Program Status Report on 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Disaster Recovery Funding

a. Non-Rental Contract

The LRGVDC executed Texas General Land Office (GLO) contract for Disaster Recovery Housing Program (DRHP) on October 12, 2012. The DRHP consisted of Single Family Homeowner Assistance Program (HAP), Homeowner Opportunity Program (HOP), and Rapid Housing Recovery Pilot Program. The DRHP was designed to provide funds for rehabilitation or reconstruction for applicants in their existing home. However, if applicants qualified for HOP they could relocate to a higher opportunity area for the purchase of an existing home or lot purchase for a newly constructed program home. Funding was made available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program, administered by GLO. The Program's primary goals were to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing; to ensure housing needs for low, very low and extremely low-income households; prioritize elderly and disable populations; and provide initial target outreach to persons located in FEMA High Risk areas. These funds assisted a total of 777 applicants, 641 applicants were served by HAP, 116 applicants were served by HOP and 20 applicants were served by the Rapid Housing Program.

b. Rental Contract

The LRGVDC executed Texas General Land Office (GLO) contract for Hurricane Dolly Disaster Recovery Affordable Rental Program (DRARP) on October 12, 2012. The DRARP was designed to provide funds for rehabilitation, reconstruction, and/or new construction of affordable multi-family and single-family rental housing projects in areas impacted by Hurricane Dolly. Funding was made available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program, administered by GLO. The Program's primary goals were to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing; to ensure housing needs for low, very low and extremely low-income households; prioritize elderly and disable populations. The LRGVDC awarded five multi-family rental projects, consisting a total of 223 units. Three of the multi projects were new construction and two were rehabs. Three single family rental projects were awarded, consisting a total of 12 units and were new construction.

**ITEM 10.**

**REGIONAL  
POLICE ACADEMY**



**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

10. Regional Police Academy and Training Center Report.....Glenda Garcia  
& Randall Snyder,  
Assistant Directors

A. Status Report from Regional Police Academy

1. In-Service Training Hours Reported

|                    | <u>05/01/2017 thru 05/31/2017</u> | <u>Year to date</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Classes Reported   | 10                                | 52                  |
| Officers Attending | 127                               | 586                 |
| Contact Hours      | 743                               | 5,272               |

2. Basic Peace Officer Academy

|                     | <u>05/01/2017 thru 05/31/2017</u> | <u>Year to date</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Graduating programs | 1                                 | 1                   |
| Cadets graduated    | 24                                | 24                  |
| Contact Hours       | 643                               | 10,288              |

3. July 2017 In-Service Scheduled

- Special Investigative Topics Course (3232) 2 Locations
  - July 13, 2017  
8:00am to 5:00pm Hosts: Rio Grande City Police Department & Edinburg Police Department
- Crisis Intervention Training-Refresher Course (3843)
  - July 14, 2017  
8:00am to 5:00pm Host: Rio Grande City PD
- Crisis Intervention Training-Refresher Course (3843)
  - July 21, 2017  
8:00am to 5:00pm Host: Edinburg PD
- State and Federal Legal Update Course (3184)
  - July 24, 2017  
8:00am to 12:00pm Host: LRGVDC
- Crisis Intervention Training-Refresher Course (3843)
  - July 26, 2017  
8:00am to 5:00pm Host: Alton PD @ TSTC Campus
- Special Investigative Topics Course (3232)
  - July 27, 2017  
Host: Alton PD
- Cultural Diversity Course (3939)
  - July 28, 2017  
8:00am to 5:00pm Host: Alton PD

4. Basic Peace Officer Course Upcoming Academies

- The course has begun for Mission, Hidalgo, TSTC and Edinburg full-time academies.
- 195<sup>th</sup> BPOC Day Academy-Mission Campus Began 06/05/2017

- 195<sup>th</sup> BPOC Day Academy-TSTC Campus Began 06/05/2017
- 195<sup>th</sup> BPOC Day Academy-Hidalgo Campus Began 06/05/2017
- 195<sup>th</sup> BPOC Day Academy-Edinburg Campus Began 06/05/2017

5. Academy Projected Graduation Dates

|                         |                            |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Hidalgo Night Academy   | 194 <sup>th</sup> (A) BPOC | Tentative 12/30/2017 |
| Mission Night Academy   | 194 <sup>th</sup> (B) BPOC | Tentative 12/30/2017 |
| Harlingen Night Academy | 194 <sup>th</sup> (C) BPOC | Tentative 12/30/2017 |

**ITEM 11.**

**VALLEY METRO**

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**June 28, 2017**

- 11. Report from Valley Metro .....Tom Logan  
Director
  - A. Act Upon Staff Recommendation
    - 1. Consider Approval RE: Valley Metro Internal Policy and Ethics Code Update

Due to recommendations by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Compliance Division, revisions were made within the existing Transit Compliance Policy (approved November 18, 2010). In this updated policy, Internal Ethics and Compliance Program requirements have been addressed which include improvement actions as identified by TxDOT. These changes include annual ethics training for all Board members and staff, annual compliance and audit protocols, and anonymous incident report procedures for suspected noncompliance.

Please see attachment A

Should you have any questions please advise.

**ACTION ITEM**

# **LRGVDC Valley Metro Internal Compliance Policy and Ethics Code**



Anticipated Approval by

LRGVDC Board of Directors

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

***Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council***

**510 S. Pleasantview Drive**

**Weslaco, TX 78596**

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**A. Overview**

A.1 Statement of purpose

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC), as an established Council of Governments (COG) through the Texas Association of Regional Councils, understands and is committed to ensuring the highest standard of personal and public conduct and, therefore, adopted this Internal Compliance Policy and Code of Ethics. It is essential in terms of integrity and impartiality of those who act on behalf of government to maintain the confidence of the general public and increase availability to all persons for the purpose of accessibility and dissemination of information relating to the conduct of public affairs.

The purpose of this document is to ensure the LRGVDC promotes the confidence of government and enhances all divisions, with particular attention to Valley Metro, servicing through public transportation. Furthermore, this document is cumulative and acts as a supplement to applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Compliance with the provisions of this code shall not excuse or relieve any person from any obligation imposed by state or federal law regarding ethics, financial reporting, lobbying activities, or any other issue.

**B. Distribution and Training**

B.1 – New Employees

During each new employee orientation for Valley Metro conducted by both the Human Resources Department and the Manager I for Valley Metro, staff is provided information about all policies approved by the LRGVDC Board. It is the policy for the Human Resources to receive a signed copy certifying that each policy is reviewed with the new employee. Failure of any person to receive a copy of the policies shall have no effect on that person’s duty to comply with this code or any other policy in place. This document, along with other policies will be available on the LRGVDC website once the Board has approved. Furthermore, each new employee is introduced to the Policy Handbook which provides the following policies in compliance with federal, state, and local mandates and regulations:

| Policy:                     | Effective Date:      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Service Policy              | 05/27/2010           |
| Oversight Policy            | 02/25/2010           |
| Seatbelt Policy             | 03/25/2010           |
| DOT Physical Policy         | 01/26/2012           |
| Operations Policy           | 01/26/2012           |
| DBE Policy                  | Pending Final Review |
| Drug & Alcohol Policy       | 09/26/2012           |
| Maintenance Policy          | 05/24/2012           |
| ADA Policy                  | 11/26/2006           |
| Maintenance Facility Policy | 07/28/2011           |
| Title VI Policy             | 11/28/2011           |
| Internal Compliance Policy  | 11/18/2010           |
| Background Check Policy     | 01/26/2012           |

## B. 2 – Annual Trainings

As members of the Texas Municipal League (TML), all LRGVDC staff has access to various course/trainings. As per Human Resources, all staff members and Board of Directors are required to participate in annual Ethics training. Ethics training can be complete through pre-selected courses through the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Online Learning Center which include, but are not limited to *Integrity, Ethics, and Leadership in the Workplace*, *Risk Management Essentials for Supervisors*, and *Sexual Harassment in the Workplace*. Notification of these trainings is made by email from the Human Resources Department to the Executive Director, LRGVDC Board, and Leadership staff. It is the responsibility of Leadership staff to notify their respective department staff to participate and complete the selected courses within a designated timeframe of thirty (30) days. Once staff completed the assigned courses/trainings, it is their responsibility to print and initial the certificate and provide the original document to the Leadership staff in their department. Leadership staff will then submit these documents to the Human Resources Department to ensure and document all LRGVDC staff participated and successfully completed the assigned courses. Also, other trainings are available for hourly staff through webinars and pre-recorded sessions to be made available through scheduling. It is at the discretion of the Human Resources Department to establish timeslots, or trainings for the LRGVDC Board of Directors.

These trainings, attached policies, and this Code are enforced in response for Texas Administrative Code § 10.51(b)(3) which ensures compliance standards and procedures are effectively communicated to all of the entities employees which require all staff to participate in these trainings annually, with particular attention to ethics.

## B. 3 – Compliance

As emphasized in this Code, it is the policy of the LRGVDC as a registered COG to maintain the highest ethical code of conduct. The Executive Director, Director of Regional Transit Services (Valley Metro), and the Manager I are responsible for taking appropriate action in response to compliance related complaints and evidence of noncompliance, as well as the oversight of financial reports and establishing and maintaining and adequate internal control structure with appropriate checks and balances.

Further details regarding oversight can be found within the Oversight Policy. These details include the manner in which the LRGVDC and Valley Metro conduct a compliance review as per the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and/or the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) as well as provides an example of the checklist used by the Manager I within Valley Metro to ensure reasonable steps are taken to achieve compliance with the compliance standards and procedures by using monitoring and auditing systems designed to detect noncompliance (43 TAC § 10.51(b)(5)(A)).

## **C. Confidential Reporting for Non Ethical and Non Compliance Incidents**

An employee of the LRGVDC and/or staff member of Valley Metro who has knowledge or a violation of any kind within this Code, evidence of noncompliance, or as noted in federal or state requirements shall report this violation as provided below within a reasonable time after the person has knowledge of a



violation. Specific violations of this Ethical Code and concerning noncompliance activities as per federal and state requirements, and as noted through the LRGVDC organization include, but are not limited to:

1. Use his or her official authority or influence to interfere with, or affect the result of an election or nomination for office; or
2. Directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command, or advise a local or state officer or employee to pay, lend, contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency, or person for a political purpose; or
3. Use of funds provided by the State of Texas to influence the passage or defeat of any legislative measure in the Texas Legislature or the outcome of any election.

Furthermore, an employee of the COG shall not delegate or rely on another person to make the report. An employee of the COG as a whole who commits or intentionally fails to report a violation is subject to penalties. In particular, this section notes the significance of Title 43 Texas Administrative Code § 10.51b(5)(B) as well as emphasizing any reports concerning ethics violations and evidence of noncompliance can be made anonymously. This assures staff members and employees acting as agents to report suspected noncompliance can do so without the fear of retribution or retaliation from the LRGVDC. As such, as noted in the LRGVDC Personnel Policy Manual adopted on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in section 2.03 for the Open Door Policy, “the COG notes the belief in direct and open communication to resolve problems, safety issues, complaints, and other work – related matters.” Further information can be found in the LRGVDC Open Door Policy.

A report of the violation which include ethics and noncompliance shall be made to:

- 1) Director of Human Resources
- 2) Office of the Executive Director

A report shall include:

- 1) Name of the COG employee and/or anonymous who believes a violation of this Ethics code or noncompliant action has taken place
- 2) The identity of the person or persons who allegedly committed the violation
- 3) A statement of facts concerning the violation
- 4) Any other pertinent information regarding the alleged violation

#### **D. Discipline**

Employees of the LRGVDC as members of the COG will, within provisions of state and federal law regarding public employment, can be dismissed at any time, with or without notice, for any or no reason. Some actions may result in discipline, termination, and civil or criminal activity includes, but is not limited to:

- Insubordination;

- Absence without leave including absence without permission, failure to notify a supervisor of sick leave, and repeated tardiness or early departure;
- Endangering the safety of employee and/or other persons through negligent or willful conduct;
- Use of alcohol or drugs while on duty or in a LRGVDC or Valley Metro vehicle in a manner which may affect the performance of safety of the employee;
- Unauthorized use of public funds or property;
- Conviction of a felony;
- Conviction of official misconduct; oppression, or perjury;
- Fraud;
- Falsification of documents or records;
- Unauthorized or abusive use of official authority;
- Incompetence or neglect of duty;
- Disruptive behavior which impairs the performance of others;
- Any violation noted within this code.

#### **E. Record Retention**

The LRGVDC is committed to proper maintenance and retention of records. Records are defined broadly to include almost any type of business information, and the required retention period varies with the type of record. Falsifying records, deliberately concealing records, destroying records in bad faith, exploiting confidential information, or otherwise mishandling records is not permitted.

As a local government agency and as a COG, the LRGVDC must adhere to the Local Government Code, Chapters 202-204 in addressing record management. As specifically noted in Local Government Code § 201.003(8), records management includes the application of techniques in the creation, use, maintenance, retention, preservation, and disposal of records.

#### **F. Fraud**

As employees of the LRGVDC, all members must be good stewards of the resources entrusted to them and exercise due diligence to prevent and detect criminal conduct and noncompliance with laws and policies. Employees must report suspected fraud, waste, abuse, or non-compliance to the appropriate supervisor or manager. Engaging in acts of fraud may result in civil or criminal liability.

Furthermore, fraud is defined and may include any type of intentional deception for the purposes of personal or business gain, damage to an individual or organization. Examples of fraud include lying on an employment application, falsifying records, or providing false receipts for reimbursement from the LRGVDC.

#### **G. Equal Opportunity Employer**

Adopted by the LRGVDC Board of Directors in July 2016, the LRGVDC Transit Services Department, or Valley Metro established a specific Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy which outlines the

commitment to equal employment opportunities for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation) age, genetic information, veteran status, or other protected class. The policy is designed to support efforts to provide quality service, enhanced efficiency, and cultivate a thriving internal environment which embraces workforce diversity.

For more information concerning the policy, contact the Human Resources Department within the LRGVDC or the Manager I within Valley Metro.

## **H. Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct**

The LRGVDC does not tolerate any form of sexual harassment in the workplace. This may include sexual advances, sexual solicitation, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. More information concerning Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct can be found within the Equal Opportunity Employer Policy Handbook.

### **I. Conflict of Interest**

As a general rule, to avoid the appearance and risk of impropriety, a LRGVDC staff member shall not take any official action in which the individual is likely to affect the economic interests of:

- An employee or board member;
- A relative or other family member;
- A client;
- An employer of the relative or family member;
- An entity in which the employee or other knowingly has an invested economic interest.

In addition, an action is likely to affect an economic interest if it is likely to have an effect on that interest that is distinguishable from its effect on members of the public in general or a substantial part of and the term client includes business relationships of a highly personalized nature, but not ordinary business-customer relationships.

This also includes the unfair advancement of private interests, which is defined as a LRGVDC staff or board member may not use their official position to unfairly advance or impede private interests, or to grant or secure, or attempts to grant or secure for any persons, any form of special consideration, treatment, exemption, or advantage beyond which is lawfully available to other persons.

Furthermore, a LRGVDC employee shall not:

1. Engage in any activity which would create a conflict of interest or even the appearance of a conflict;
2. Make a personal investment in any enterprise which would create a substantial conflict between the employee's private interest and the organization;
3. Engage in outside business or professional activities or accept employment in the activities create a conflict between the employee's private interests and the organization, use or appear

to use information obtained in connection with the employee's duties for the organization, or could be expected to impair the employee's independence of judgement in the performance of the employee's duties for the organization.

**J. Personal Use of Organizational Property**

Property owned or leased by or provided to the LRGVDC may only be used for official purpose. Any misuse or unauthorized use of the LRGVDC or Valley Metro property, including information system resources is subject to disciplinary action. Misuse of official property may also result in criminal prosecution.

**K. Gifts and Honoraria**

For specific policies referencing gifts and honoraria, please refer to the LRGVDC Personnel Policy manual.

**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**June 28, 2017**

11. Report from Valley Metro .....Tom Logan  
Director
- A. Rural and Urban System

2. Program Status Reports

a. Ridership Report

Both the Rural and Urban Transit Systems are operating and all systems are monitored daily. For the month of May 2017 ridership for the Urban System, which operates Monday through Saturday in the urban areas of Hidalgo and Cameron Counties has been averaging **6,881** passengers a week. Ridership for the rural System which operates in the rural areas of Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy, Starr and Zapata Counties had an average of **1,745** passengers for the month of May. Please see attached graph for details.

b. Regional Transportation Advisory Panel (RTAP) Activity

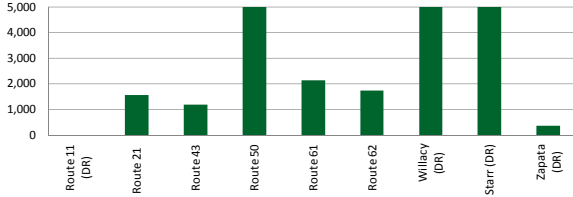
The next RTAP Monthly Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21 2017.

Location: Valley Metro Transit Center  
510 S Pleasantview Dr  
Weslaco, Texas  
10:00 AM

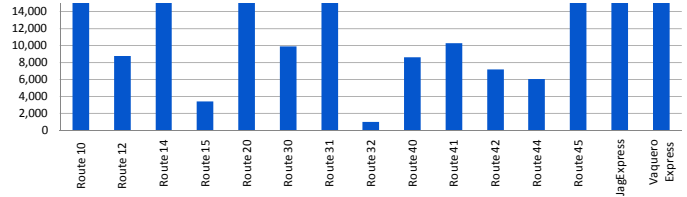


**LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
**Valley Metro Ridership Summary**  
**FY 2017 September - May**

**RURAL**  
**Ridership by Route**

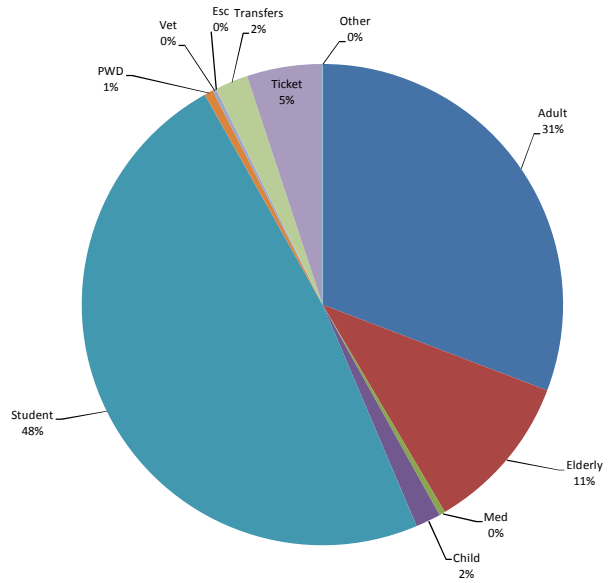


**URBAN**  
**Ridership by Route**



|              | Route           | Total Passenger Trips | Route Activity  | Area(s) Served                     |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>RURAL</b> | Route 11 (DR)   | 0                     | 0%              | Hargill, Edinburg                  |
|              | Route 21        | 1,560                 | 0%              | Sullivan City, West Hidalgo County |
|              | Route 43        | 1,187                 | 0%              | South Cameron County               |
|              | Route 50        | 47,760                | 11%             | Brownsville, Port Isabel           |
|              | Route 61        | 2,145                 | 0%              | Rio Grande City                    |
|              | Route 62        | 1,750                 | 0%              | Rio Grande City                    |
|              | Willacy (DR)    | 5,076                 | 1%              | Willacy County                     |
|              | Starr (DR)      | 5,964                 | 1%              | Starr County                       |
|              | Zapata (DR)     | 362                   | 0%              | Zapata County                      |
| <b>URBAN</b> | Route 10        | 22,042                | 5%              | Edinburg                           |
|              | Route 12        | 8,776                 | 2%              | Eddouch, Elsa, Edinburg            |
|              | Route 14        | 16,958                | 4%              | Edinburg                           |
|              | Route 15        | 3,403                 | 1%              | Edinburg                           |
|              | Route 20        | 19,256                | 4%              | Mission                            |
|              | Route 30        | 9,955                 | 2%              | Pharr, San Juan                    |
|              | Route 31        | 57,664                | 13%             | Hidalgo County                     |
|              | Route 32        | 998                   | 0%              | Donna                              |
|              | Route 40        | 8,609                 | 2%              | Harlingen                          |
|              | Route 41        | 10,298                | 2%              | Harlingen                          |
|              | Route 42        | 7,200                 | 2%              | San Benito                         |
|              | Route 44        | 6,098                 | 1%              | Primera, La Feria, Santa Rosa      |
|              | Route 45        | 34,750                | 8%              | Cameron County                     |
|              | JagExpress      | 58,189                | 13%             | Weslaco, Pharr, McAllen            |
|              | Vaquero Express | 100,688               | 23%             | Edinburg                           |
| Hidalgo      | 568             | 0%                    | City of Hidalgo |                                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                 | <b>431,256</b>        | <b>100%</b>     |                                    |

**Ridership**  
**Breakdown by Category**

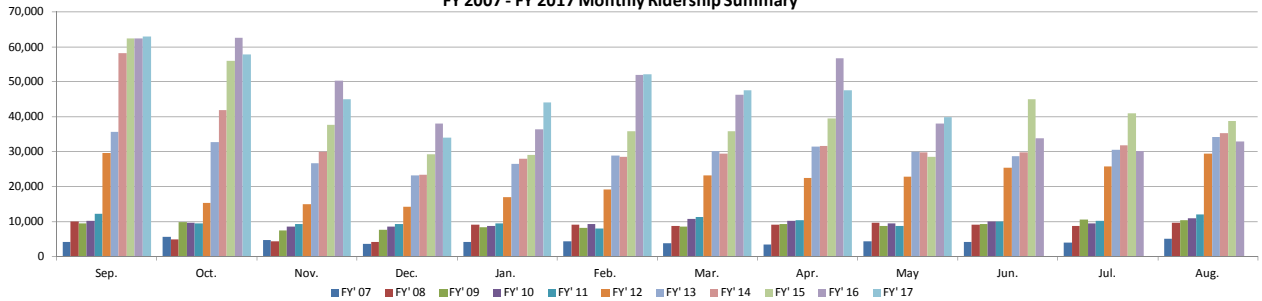


**YEAR TO DATE RIDERSHIP REPORT**

|                                    |                                    |                       |                     |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| FY 2016 September - May<br>442,522 | FY 2017 September - May<br>431,256 | DIFFERENCE<br>-11,266 | % DIFFERENCE<br>-3% |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|

- \* Rural service - service in rural low-population areas outside of urbanized areas
- \* Urban service - service between or within urbanized areas

**FY 2007 - FY 2017 Monthly Ridership Summary**



| Fiscal Year                     | Sep.   | Oct.   | Nov.   | Dec.   | Jan.   | Feb.   | Mar.   | Apr.   | May    | Jun.   | Jul.   | Aug.   | Total   | Difference | %Change |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|---------|
| FY 07                           | 4,118  | 5,573  | 4,702  | 3,704  | 4,195  | 4,411  | 3,750  | 3,393  | 4,395  | 4,077  | 4,027  | 4,998  | 51,343  | 4,440      |         |
| FY 08                           | 9,978  | 4,927  | 4,378  | 4,077  | 9,057  | 9,065  | 8,832  | 9,195  | 9,624  | 9,031  | 8,706  | 9,568  | 96,438  | 45,095     | 88%     |
| FY 09                           | 9,538  | 9,913  | 7,540  | 7,562  | 8,323  | 8,113  | 8,567  | 9,344  | 8,720  | 9,363  | 10,483 | 10,428 | 107,894 | 11,456     | 12%     |
| FY 10                           | 10,274 | 9,702  | 8,580  | 8,471  | 8,670  | 9,204  | 10,836 | 10,274 | 9,566  | 10,107 | 9,537  | 10,931 | 116,152 | 8,258      | 8%      |
| FY 11                           | 12,184 | 9,480  | 9,336  | 9,254  | 9,445  | 8,016  | 11,255 | 10,460 | 8,801  | 10,046 | 10,176 | 12,111 | 120,564 | 4,412      | 4%      |
| FY 12                           | 29,644 | 15,256 | 14,982 | 14,267 | 17,057 | 19,196 | 23,184 | 22,450 | 22,827 | 25,436 | 25,807 | 29,518 | 259,624 | 139,060    | 115%    |
| FY 13                           | 35,707 | 32,758 | 26,634 | 23,293 | 26,542 | 28,858 | 30,087 | 31,465 | 29,911 | 28,744 | 30,596 | 34,255 | 358,850 | 99,226     | 38%     |
| FY 14                           | 58,118 | 41,893 | 30,069 | 23,338 | 28,011 | 28,593 | 29,386 | 31,638 | 29,761 | 29,806 | 31,733 | 35,241 | 397,587 | 38,737     | 11%     |
| FY 15                           | 62,317 | 55,976 | 37,648 | 29,214 | 29,063 | 35,854 | 35,785 | 39,503 | 28,431 | 45,056 | 40,891 | 38,683 | 478,421 | 80,834     | 20%     |
| FY 16                           | 62,348 | 62,627 | 50,274 | 38,130 | 36,305 | 51,887 | 46,286 | 56,675 | 37,990 | 33,822 | 30,148 | 32,939 | 539,431 | 61,010     | 13%     |
| FY 17                           | 62,891 | 57,833 | 45,003 | 34,068 | 44,152 | 52,217 | 47,542 | 47,628 | 39,922 |        |        |        | 431,256 |            |         |
| Monthly Change from Previous FY | 543    | -4,794 | -5,271 | -4,062 | 7,847  | 330    | 1,257  | -9,047 | 1,932  |        |        |        |         |            |         |
| % Change                        | 1%     | -8%    | -10%   | -11%   | 22%    | 1%     | 3%     | -16%   | 5%     |        |        |        |         |            |         |

**FY 2016 URBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**COST EFFECTIVENESS**

Cost per revenue mile = \$3.01 State Avg. = \$4.54  
 Cost per revenue hour = \$57.91 State Avg. = \$69.62  
 Cost per passenger = \$8.41 State Avg. = \$4.78

**SERVICE EFFICIENCY**

Passengers per revenue mile = 0.29 State Avg. = .95  
 Passengers per revenue hour = 5.85 State Avg. = 14.57

**FY 2016 NONURBANIZED PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**COST EFFECTIVENESS**

Cost per revenue mile = \$3.95 State Avg. = \$3.19  
 Cost per revenue hour = \$71.08 State Avg. = \$60.90  
 Cost per passenger = \$19.24 State Avg. = \$16.89

**SERVICE EFFICIENCY**

Passengers per revenue mile = 0.31 State Avg. = .19  
 Passengers per revenue hour = 5.44 State Avg. = 3.61

# LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

## Valley Metro Ridership Summary

FY 2017 September - May

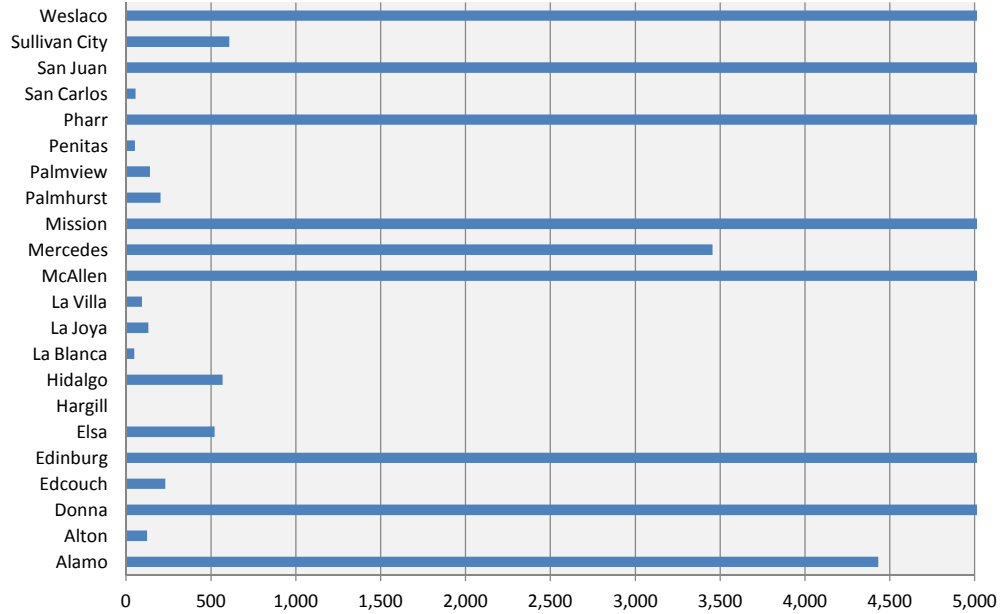


### Hidalgo County

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Alamo         | 4,432   |
| Alton         | 124     |
| Donna         | 6,665   |
| Edcouch       | 232     |
| Edinburg      | 134,871 |
| Elsa          | 521     |
| Hargill       | 0       |
| Hidalgo       | 568     |
| La Blanca     | 48      |
| La Joya       | 132     |
| La Villa      | 94      |
| McAllen       | 85,271  |
| Mercedes      | 3,455   |
| Mission       | 9,736   |
| Palmhurst     | 203     |
| Palmview      | 140     |
| Penitas       | 53      |
| Pharr         | 17,945  |
| San Carlos    | 55      |
| San Juan      | 5,383   |
| Sullivan City | 609     |
| Weslaco       | 15,192  |

**Total 285,729**

### Hidalgo County by Cities

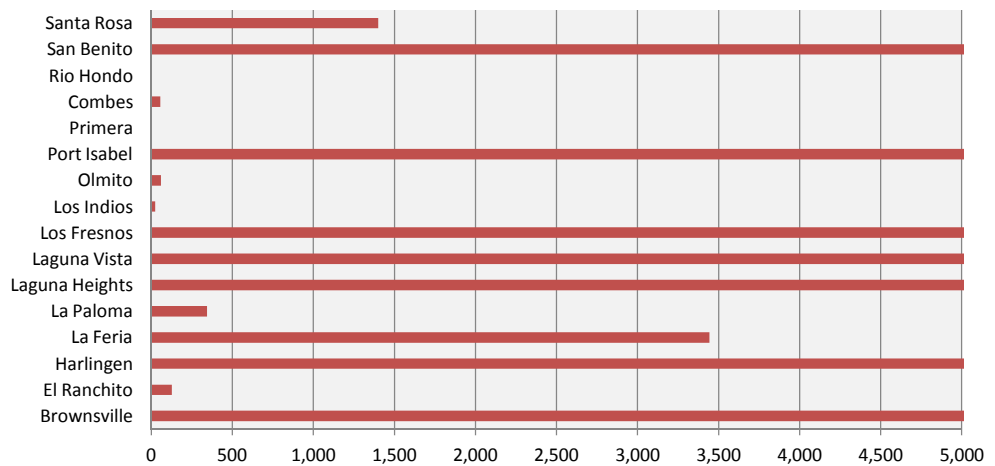


### Cameron County

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Brownsville    | 34,918 |
| El Ranchito    | 126    |
| Harlingen      | 38,710 |
| La Feria       | 3,444  |
| La Paloma      | 343    |
| Laguna Heights | 6,338  |
| Laguna Vista   | 5,771  |
| Los Fresnos    | 5,379  |
| Los Indios     | 23     |
| Olmito         | 59     |
| Port Isabel    | 17,543 |
| Primera        | 4      |
| Combes         | 55     |
| Rio Hondo      | 0      |
| San Benito     | 10,920 |
| Santa Rosa     | 1,399  |

**Total 125,032**

### Cameron County by Cities



### Willacy County

**Total 5,076**

### Starr County

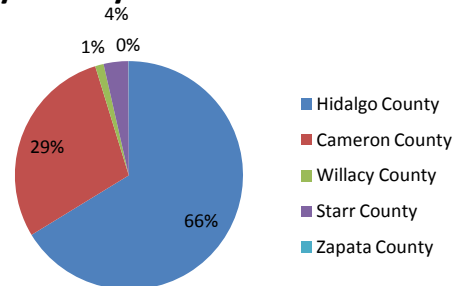
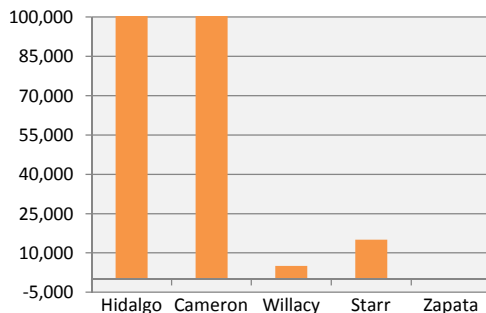
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### Zapata County

**Total 362**

**SYSTEM TOTAL  
431,256**

### Ridership by County

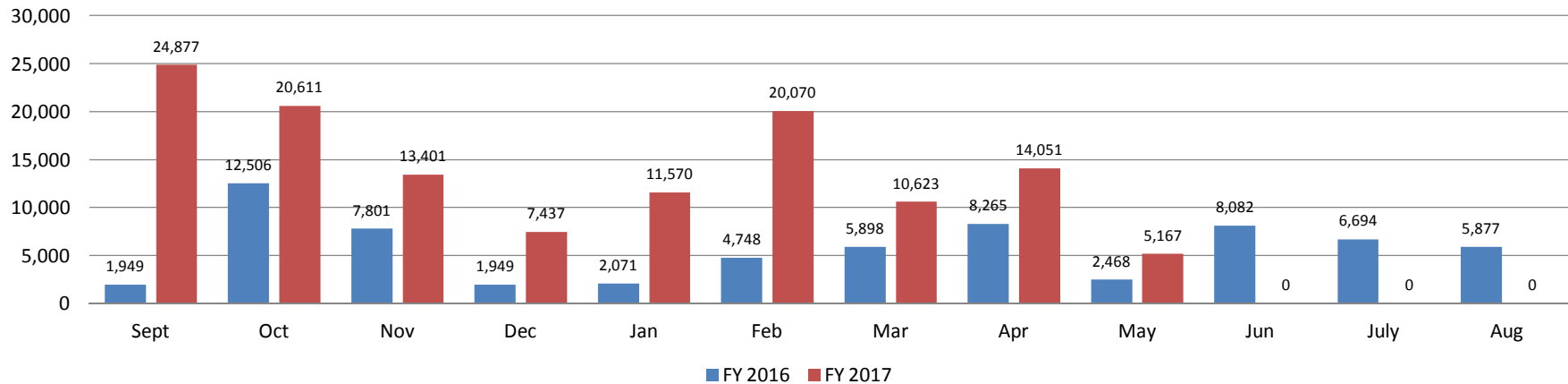





**FY 2017 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
Valley Metro Routes  
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

| Routes                            | Sept          | Oct           | Nov           | Dec          | Jan           | Feb           | Mar           | Apr           | May          | Jun          | July         | Aug          | Total          |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 10                                | 251           | 318           | 270           | 114          | 56            | 214           | 4             | 187           | 0            |              |              |              | 1,414          |
| 12                                | 879           | 695           | 757           | 378          | 459           | 816           | 116           | 743           | 0            |              |              |              | 4,843          |
| 14                                | 2,523         | 2,426         | 2,126         | 698          | 655           | 1,859         | 1,496         | 1,515         | 0            |              |              |              | 13,298         |
| 15                                | 15            | 1             | 14            | 9            | 8             | 29            | 16            | 20            | 0            |              |              |              | 112            |
| 20                                | 332           | 306           | 264           | 156          | 207           | 327           | 35            | 347           | 0            |              |              |              | 1,974          |
| 21                                | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0            |              |              |              | 0              |
| 30                                | 15            | 4             | 1             | 1            | 0             | 0             | 8             | 1             | 0            |              |              |              | 30             |
| 31                                | 98            | 87            | 111           | 78           | 38            | 133           | 193           | 60            | 17           |              |              |              | 815            |
| 32                                | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0             | 2             | 0             | 0             | 0            |              |              |              | 2              |
| 40                                | 163           | 29            | 20            | 23           | 27            | 34            | 0             | 34            | 0            |              |              |              | 330            |
| 41                                | 4             | 12            | 11            | 7            | 11            | 22            | 8             | 5             | 21           |              |              |              | 101            |
| 42                                | 1             | 2             | 1             | 0            | 1             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 206          |              |              |              | 211            |
| 44                                | 1             | 2             | 2             | 2            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 170          |              |              |              | 177            |
| 45                                | 648           | 565           | 537           | 237          | 307           | 509           | 383           | 421           | 205          |              |              |              | 3,812          |
| 50                                | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0            |              |              |              | 0              |
| <b>Vaquero Express</b>            | 19,947        | 16,164        | 9,287         | 5,734        | 9,801         | 16,125        | 8,364         | 10,718        | 4,548        |              |              |              | 100,688        |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>24,877</b> | <b>20,611</b> | <b>13,401</b> | <b>7,437</b> | <b>11,570</b> | <b>20,070</b> | <b>10,623</b> | <b>14,051</b> | <b>5,167</b> |              |              |              | <b>127,807</b> |
| <b>FY 2015</b>                    | <b>1,949</b>  | <b>12,506</b> | <b>7,801</b>  | <b>1,949</b> | <b>2,071</b>  | <b>4,748</b>  | <b>5,898</b>  | <b>8,265</b>  | <b>2,468</b> | <b>8,082</b> | <b>6,694</b> | <b>5,877</b> | <b>68,308</b>  |
| <b>Change Over Previous Month</b> | <b>22,928</b> | <b>8,105</b>  | <b>5,600</b>  | <b>5,488</b> | <b>9,499</b>  | <b>15,322</b> | <b>4,725</b>  | <b>5,786</b>  | <b>2,699</b> |              |              |              |                |

**2016 - 2017 Valley Metro Routes UTRGV Student Passenger Count**





|  <b>South Texas College - FY 2017</b><br><b>Valley Metro Routes</b><br><b>Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts</b> |               |               |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |     |      |     |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----|------|-----|---------------|
| Routes  | Sept          | Oct           | Nov          | Dec          | Jan          | Feb          | Mar          | Apr          | May          | Jun | July | Aug | Total         |
| 10  | 41            | 64            | 43           | 24           | 6            | 17           | 157          | 2            | 0            |     |      |     | 354           |
| 12  | 124           | 151           | 114          | 57           | 72           | 118          | 735          | 95           | 59           |     |      |     | 1,525         |
| 14  | 0             | 0             | 5            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 1,496        | 0            | 0            |     |      |     | 1,502         |
| 15  | 0             | 1             | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 16           | 0            | 0            |     |      |     | 19            |
| 20  | 34            | 29            | 30           | 21           | 21           | 20           | 289          | 24           | 27           |     |      |     | 495           |
| 30  | 7             | 7             | 19           | 11           | 5            | 8            | 0            | 7            | 7            |     |      |     | 71            |
| 31  | 179           | 152           | 164          | 100          | 103          | 255          | 59           | 229          | 77           |     |      |     | 1,318         |
| 32  | 0             | 4             | 8            | 0            | 5            | 27           | 0            | 0            | 0            |     |      |     | 44            |
| 40  | 1             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 41           | 0            | 0            |     |      |     | 42            |
| 41  | 1             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1            | 5            | 1            | 0            |     |      |     | 8             |
| 42  | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 3            | 3            | 0            | 0            | 0            |     |      |     | 6             |
| 44  | 0             | 0             | 0            | 0            | 0            | 2            | 1            | 0            | 0            |     |      |     | 3             |
| 45  | 4             | 1             | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1            | 383          | 6            | 0            |     |      |     | 395           |
| 60  | 537           | 687           |              |              | 417          | 606          | 512          | 486          | 260          |     |      |     | 3,505         |
| 61  | 196           | 88            |              |              | 121          | 233          | 151          | 206          | 276          |     |      |     | 1,271         |
| 62  | 196           | 87            |              |              | 121          | 261          | 65           | 86           | 82           |     |      |     | 898           |
| DR-RGC  | 122           | 14            |              |              | 7            | 9            | 171          | 226          | 6            |     |      |     | 555           |
| Purpleline  | 698           | 692           | 599          | 266          | 313          | 527          | 481          | 536          | 269          |     |      |     | 4,381         |
| Greenline   | 1,771         | 2,147         | 1,959        | 1,053        | 1,000        | 1,642        | 1,372        | 1,433        | 773          |     |      |     | 13,150        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3,911</b>  | <b>4,124</b>  | <b>2,941</b> | <b>1,533</b> | <b>2,194</b> | <b>3,732</b> | <b>5,934</b> | <b>3,337</b> | <b>1,836</b> |     |      |     | <b>29,542</b> |
| Non Valley Metro Routes   |               |               |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |     |      |     |               |
| Yellowline  | 2,459         | 2,532         | 2,100        | 1,670        | 3,457        | 2,015        | 1,673        | 1,711        | 796          |     |      |     | 18,413        |
| Park & Ride   | 7,454         | 4,465         | 2,723        | 662          | 2,220        | 2,262        | 1,216        | 917          | 319          |     |      |     | 22,238        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>9,913</b>  | <b>6,997</b>  | <b>4,823</b> | <b>2,332</b> | <b>5,677</b> | <b>4,277</b> | <b>2,889</b> | <b>2,628</b> | <b>1,115</b> |     |      |     | <b>40,651</b> |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>13,824</b> | <b>11,121</b> | <b>7,764</b> | <b>3,865</b> | <b>7,871</b> | <b>8,009</b> | <b>8,823</b> | <b>5,965</b> | <b>2,951</b> |     |      |     | <b>70,193</b> |
| Change Over Previous Month  |               | -2,703        | -3,357       | -3,899       | 4,006        | 138          | 814          | -2,858       | -3,014       |     |      |     |               |


**South Texas College - Mid Valley JagExpress**  
**STC Student Passenger Counts Comparison**  
**FY 2017**

| Direct Service                |               |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Routes                        | STC           | UTRGV          | General Public | Total          |
| Route 12 Ecouch/Elsa-Edinburg | 1,525         | 354            | 6,897          | 8,776          |
| Route 31 Business 83          | 1,318         | 1,318          | 55,028         | 57,664         |
| Purple Line                   | 4,381         |                | 7              | 4,388          |
| Yellow Line                   | 18,413        |                | 0              | 18,413         |
| Green Line                    | 13,150        |                | 0              | 13,150         |
| Park & Ride                   | 22,238        |                | 0              | 22,238         |
| Vaquero Express               |               | 100,688        | 0              | 100,688        |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>61,025</b> | <b>102,360</b> | <b>61,932</b>  | <b>225,317</b> |

| Connecting Service                   |            |              |              |                |                |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Routes                               | Connection | STC          | UTRGV        | General Public | Total          |
| Route 10 Edinburg - McAllen          | 12, 31     | 354          | 354          | 21,334         | 22,042         |
| Route 14 UTRGV VABL                  | 12         | 1,502        | 1,502        | 0              | 3,004          |
| Route 15 Edinburg                    | 12         | 19           | 19           | 3,365          | 3,403          |
| Route 20 Mission - McAllen           | 31         | 495          | 495          | 18,266         | 19,256         |
| Route 30 Pharr San Juan - Edinburg   | 31         | 71           | 71           | 9,813          | 9,955          |
| Route 40 Harlingen Medical           | 31         | 42           | 42           | 8,525          | 8,609          |
| Route 41 Harlingen Retail            | 31         | 8            | 8            | 10,282         | 10,298         |
| Route 42 San Benito Harlingen        | 31         | 6            | 6            | 7,188          | 7,200          |
| Route 44 La Feria/Santa Rosa/Primera | 31         | 3            | 3            | 6,092          | 6,098          |
| Route 45 Cameron Career Connection   | 31         | 395          | 395          | 33,960         | 34,750         |
| <b>Total</b>                         |            | <b>2,895</b> | <b>2,895</b> | <b>118,825</b> | <b>124,615</b> |

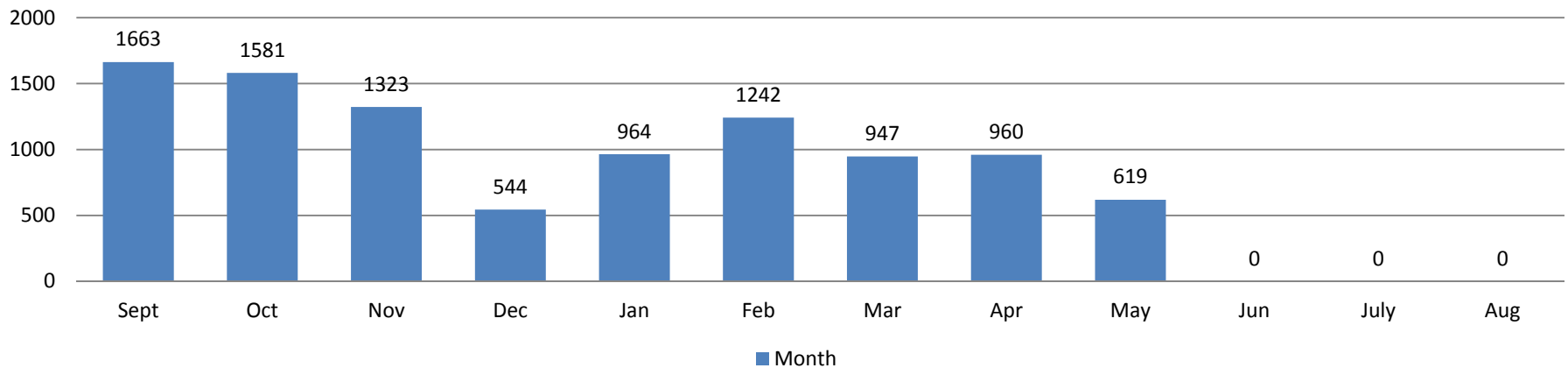
| Total Service |        |         |                |         |
|---------------|--------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Grand Total   | STC    | UTRGV   | General Public | Total   |
|               | 63,920 | 105,255 | 180,757        | 349,932 |



**2017 TSTC  
Valley Metro Routes  
Monthly Cumulative Passenger Counts**

| Routes                     | Sept        | Oct         | Nov         | Dec        | Jan        | Feb         | Mar        | Apr        | May        | Jun | July | Aug | Total       |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|------|-----|-------------|
| 10                         | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 3           | 0          | 0          | 0          |     |      |     | 3           |
| 12                         | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 7           | 0          | 6          | 0          |     |      |     | 13          |
| 14                         | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0          | 1          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |     |      |     | 1           |
| 31                         | 0           | 8           | 11          | 6          | 28         | 24          | 21         | 22         | 17         |     |      |     | 137         |
| 40                         | 74          | 23          | 13          | 12         | 26         | 13          | 10         | 3          | 0          |     |      |     | 174         |
| 41                         | 55          | 56          | 59          | 39         | 73         | 83          | 31         | 60         | 21         |     |      |     | 477         |
| 42                         | 293         | 202         | 196         | 99         | 204        | 300         | 271        | 238        | 206        |     |      |     | 2009        |
| 43                         | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |     |      |     | 0           |
| 44                         | 342         | 359         | 172         | 110        | 199        | 254         | 176        | 198        | 170        |     |      |     | 1980        |
| 45                         | 899         | 933         | 872         | 278        | 433        | 558         | 438        | 433        | 205        |     |      |     | 5049        |
| 50                         | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |     |      |     | 0           |
| Willacy                    | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          |     |      |     | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>1663</b> | <b>1581</b> | <b>1323</b> | <b>544</b> | <b>964</b> | <b>1242</b> | <b>947</b> | <b>960</b> | <b>619</b> |     |      |     | <b>9843</b> |
| Change Over Previous Month |             | -82         | -258        | -779       | 420        | 278         | -295       | 13         | -341       |     |      |     |             |

### TSTC Student Ridership



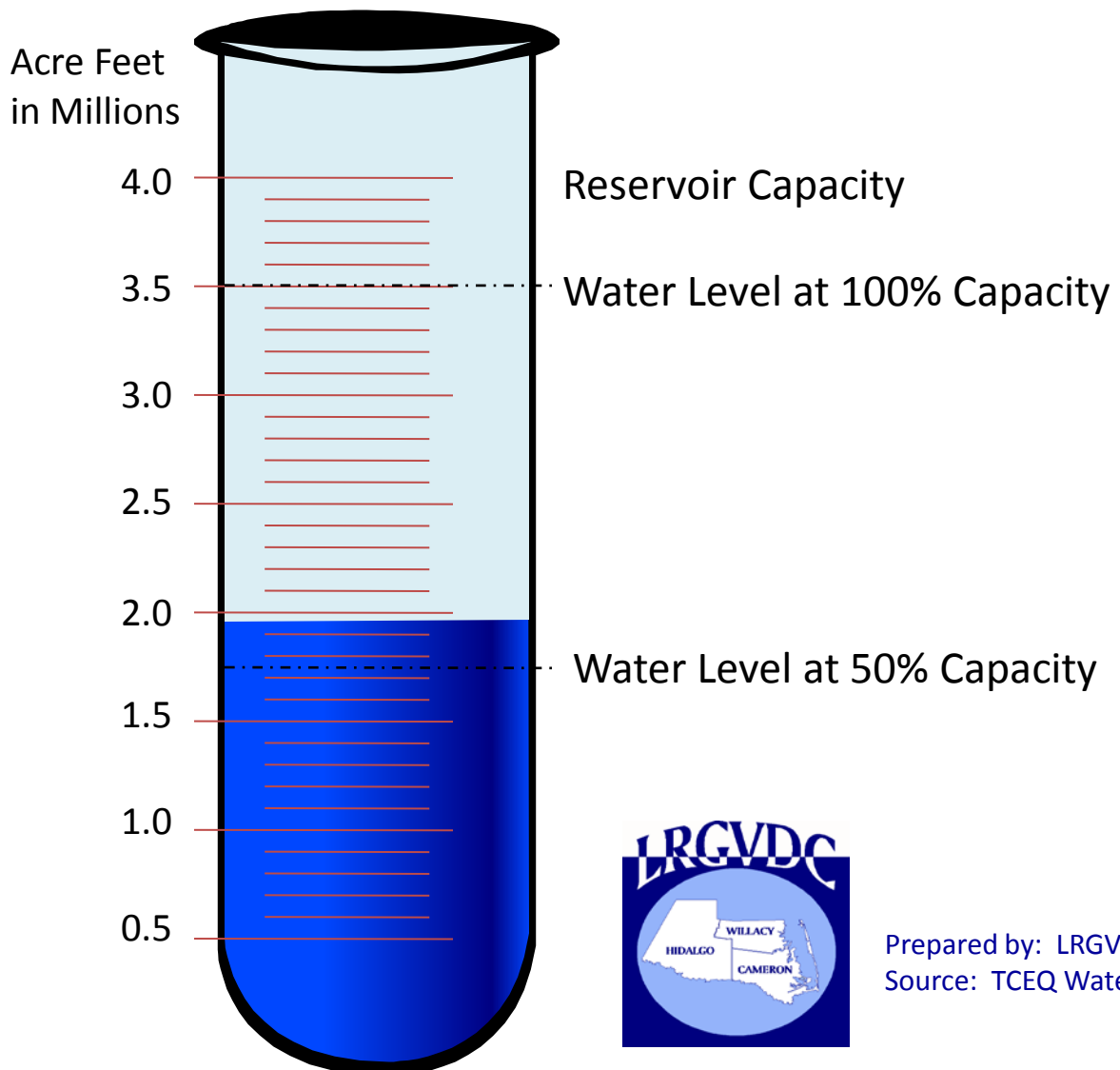
**ITEM 12. A.**

**RESERVOIR  
LEVELS**

# Water Levels at Amistad and Falcon Reservoirs (U.S. Ownership)

**6/17/2017, 56.89% of Capacity or 1,929,490 AF**

Down from 2,083,525 AF of Normal Conservation 1 year ago



**NOTE: Mexico Ownership/Reservoir Capacity for June 17, 2017: 15.15% (383,466) A.F.**

Prepared by: LRGVDC  
Source: TCEQ Watermaster

# Rio Grande Watermaster Report

06/17/17

## Amistad

|                                    |           |        |                     |        |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Normal Conservation Elevation      | 340.462   | Meters | 1,117.00 Feet       |        |
| Water Elevation                    | 330.650   | Meters | 1,084.81 Feet       | -32.19 |
| Total Normal Conservation Capacity | 4,040,325 | TCM    | 3,275,532 Acre-Feet |        |
| Total Combined Storage             | 2,007,000 | TCM    | 1,627,095 Acre-Feet | 49.67% |
| US Share of Current Storage        | 1,777,000 | TCM    | 1,440,632 Acre-Feet | 88.54% |
| Mexico share of Current Storage    | 230,000   | TCM    | 186,463 Acre-Feet   | 11.46% |
| TOTAL RELEASES AVG                 | 47.80     | CMS    | 1,688 CFS           |        |
| US Release AVG                     | 43.30     | CMS    | 1,529 CFS           | 90.59% |
| Mexico Release AVG                 | 4.50      | CMS    | 159 CFS             | 9.41%  |
| TOTAL INFLOWS AVG                  | 52.30     | CMS    | 1,847 CFS           |        |
| US Inflows AVG                     | 39.10     | CMS    | 1,381 CFS           |        |
| Mexico Inflows AVG                 | 13.20     | CMS    | 466 CFS             |        |
| US Reservoir Loss                  | 16.70     | CMS    | 590 CFS             |        |

## Falcon

|                                    |           |        |                     |        |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Normal Conservation Elevation      | 91.805    | Meters | 301.20 Feet         |        |
| Water Elevation                    | 81.525    | Meters | 267.47 Feet         | -33.73 |
| Total Normal Conservation Capacity | 3,264,813 | TCM    | 2,646,817 Acre-Feet |        |
| Total Combined Storage             | 846,000   | TCM    | 685,861 Acre-Feet   | 25.91% |
| US Share of Current Storage        | 603,000   | TCM    | 488,858 Acre-Feet   | 71.28% |
| Mexico share of Current Storage    | 243,000   | TCM    | 197,003 Acre-Feet   | 28.72% |
| Total Releases AVG                 | 91.10     | CMS    | 3,217 CFS           |        |
| US Release AVG                     | 80.50     | CMS    | 2,843 CFS           | 88.36% |
| Mexico Release AVG                 | 10.60     | CMS    | 374 CFS             | 11.64% |
| TOTAL INFLOWS AVG                  | 46.50     | CMS    | 1,642 CFS           |        |
| US Inflows AVG                     | 40.40     | CMS    | 1,427 CFS           |        |
| Mexico Inflows AVG                 | 6.10      | CMS    | 215 CFS             |        |
| US Reservoir Loss                  | 10.80     | CMS    | 381 CFS             |        |

## Overall Status

|   |           |     |                     |        |
|---|-----------|-----|---------------------|--------|
| Normal Conservation Capacity - <b>Amistad</b> | 4,040,325 | TCM | 3,275,532 Acre-Feet |        |
| US Share of Amistad Normal Conservation       | 2,270,663 | TCM | 1,840,849 Acre-Feet |        |
| Current US share of Normal Conservation       | 1,777,000 | TCM | 1,440,632 Acre-Feet | 78.26% |
| Normal Conservation Capacity - <b>Falcon</b>  | 3,264,813 | TCM | 2,646,817 Acre-Feet |        |
| US Share of Falcon Normal Conservation        | 1,913,180 | TCM | 1,551,034 Acre-Feet |        |
| Current US share of Normal Conservation       | 603,000   | TCM | 488,858 Acre-Feet   | 31.52% |
| Normal Capacity - Amistad/Falcon System       | 7,305,138 | TCM | 5,922,348 Acre-Feet |        |
| Normal Conservation Capacity - US             | 4,183,843 | TCM | 3,391,883 Acre-Feet | 57.27% |
| Normal Conservation Capacity - Mexico         | 3,121,295 | TCM | 2,530,466 Acre-Feet | 42.73% |
| Current Storage US                            | 2,380,000 | TCM | 1,929,490 Acre-Feet | 56.89% |
| Current Storage Mexico                        | 473,000   | TCM | 383,466 Acre-Feet   | 15.15% |
| Current Storage - Amistad - Falcon System     | 2,853,000 | TCM | 2,312,956 Acre-Feet |        |
| Percent of Storage Capacity                   | 39.05%    |     | 39.05%              |        |